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*11 – Applicant argues that there must be some suggestion or motivation to modify the references.

As per the KSR decision, the suggestion need not be implicit. In this case, one of ordinary skill in the would recognize that Althaus's structure was an equivalent way of doing the same thing, and this knowledge would suggest to one of ordinary skill the ability to swap parts between Kawara and Althaus.

To distinguish over this prior art rejection, Applicant should add additional structural limitations not found in the prior art. This can be done in a continuation, divisional or RCE case.

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